

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2015

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: LaPointe, Campbell, Pitts, Dumas, Fedler, Gang

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Idleman

SUPERVISORS: O'Brien, Lindsay

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director OFA

Tammy DeLorme, DSS Comm.

Sam Hall, Veterans Director

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Mike Gray, Youth Director

Patty Hunt, Public Health Director

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AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes - May 27, 2015

3) Department Reports/Requests

 A. ADRC/OFA

 1. Senior of the Year Presentation

 B. Social Services

 1. Agency Updates

 C. Youth Bureau

 1. Program Updates

 D. Public Health

 1. 2014 Annual Report

 2. Program Updates

 3. Miscellaneous

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairman LaPointe called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting, was moved by Mr. Gang, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and adopted.

ADRC/OFFICE FOR THE AGING – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Senior of the Year Award Presentation – Marty Butterfield was acknowledged as a recipient of Senior of the Year award and presented with an award certificate and county pin.
- Annual Senior Picnic – July 10, 2015 at the Washington County Fair Grounds.
- Special Needs Registry – The ADRC maintains the special needs registry data base, a voluntary registry of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical or mental disabling conditions. The names expire after one year and ADRC has a system in place to reach out to the people on the registry three months before expiration. This program partners with the Public Safety department. The information is used to make various response agencies aware of those with special needs. Mr. Pitts would like awareness raised of this registry. Roger Wickes added that there are strict criteria about how the registry information is disseminated.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - Tammy DeLorme, DSS Commissioner addressed the following with the committee:

- Communities Now – The training for trainers was done last year. Some were county employees and some were volunteers. At the time, she pledged they would not use county

time other than the training. They haven't had much success getting this training out to the communities. It's been difficult finding a location and willing sponsor and getting the trainers lined up. Five DSS employees went through training and three have left employment. She suggests having training available here during work hours and allowing county employees to volunteer. The training takes two days. This training is about child welfare, but when they sought it out, they asked if our county could also address the elderly and disabled. Training for county employees would have to be coordinated with their department heads. Tammy wanted to inform the committee to see if they are supportive of her efforts to reignite the program. Roger Wickes recommended Tammy meet with him, the Administrator and the Personnel Director. The Committee's consensus is to move forward.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director addressed the following with the committee:

- First Aid/CPR Training Program – Conducted a few trainings for recreation programs. This training is open to any town with a program.
- Lifeguard training - Had 11 lifeguards trained in January at Hudson Falls School. There is a need for trained swim instructors and trainers.
- Safe Sitter program June 30th where they train youth in first aid, CPR and protocol while babysitting.
- They have recycling containers available for use by any community hosting events.
- STSJP Youth Employment funding – They are taking funds unspent and getting it out to communities. They have identified Kingsbury Rec, Greenwich Youth Center, Whitehall Rec and Fort Edward Rec who serve at risk youth. Been working with a not for profit group looking to open a teen center in Hudson Falls. The Village came up with a building on John Street. This is a high need area. It is preliminary at this time but is moving along great.
- Sexually Exploited Youth Grant Funds – He is planning a training day to raise awareness at Christ the King in Easton, probably in October.
- NYS OCFS - Additional funds for homeless youth - \$31,774. These funds will be passed through to the Wait House – A motion approve amending the budget for additional funds of \$31,774 to be passed through to the Wait House, was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mrs. Dumas and adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director addressed the following with the committee:

- 2014 Annual Report was distributed (on file). This will be posted on the county website. There were a lot of changes in the department. This is the first year operating as a public health only department. They maximized their state aid and lived within the budget. If anyone has any questions, contact Patty.
- Program Updates
 - As part of the lead poisoning prevention program, a letter will be going out to villages and towns to find out if they have any initiatives in their communities. The state is trying to catalog best practices.
 - They were notified that the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, which is assessing the health of the entire county and coming up with plans of how to address it, is moving up a year. It will have to be done December 2016 instead of 2017. They are seeing more dictates from the state.
- Miscellaneous
 - Budget Amendment – They are ready to move forward with a new electronic medical

record system, Medent, which is better suited to the needs of public health. Currently they have Delta but there's a lot they don't use anymore. It would be less expensive on an annual basis. Funds have been identified in the current budget. They will have to archive the current data in Delta and transfer to the new system. They have worked with the Information Technology department. Requesting to transfer \$52,000 from contractual to equipment for the software, implementation and training. A motion to approve a budget amendment transferring \$52,000 from contractual to equipment for the Medent electronic medical record system, moved by Mrs. Dumas, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and adopted.

- Need to renew the contract with Durrin, the pre-school special education transporter. The contract stipulates an increase per US Department of Labor CPI indicator for the period of April 2014 – April 2015 which was 0.3%. Looking for permission to move forward with the extension of that contract. A motion to extend the contract with Durrin for pre-school special education transportation, was moved by Mrs. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Gang and adopted.
- Were notified this week of award of WIC RFP. They will get the appropriate paperwork to the Treasurer. They will receive \$524,629 which is pretty much flat.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sam Hall, Veterans Director attended a ribbon cutting for Soliderette, a not for profit organization set up by the spouse of a veteran with traumatic brain injury to help provide assistance, guidance and relief for caretakers of veterans who live at home. There is a real need for it. It is located at 90 Main Street in Hudson Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors*